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SUBJECT: NEPALESE KING'S STATE VISIT TO JAPAN, MAY 15-21

1. NEPALESE KING BIRENDA, QUEEN AISHWARYA RAJYA, FONMIN AND NINE-MEMBER PARTY PAID STATE VISIT TO JAPAN, MAY 15-21. BILLED AS GOOD-WILL MISSION, VISITING PARTY MET WITH PM FUKUDA, FONMIN SONODA, AND IMPERIAL FAMILY (INCLUDING THE EMPEROR). KING AND QUEEN ALSO MADE NOSTALGIC TRIPS TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY AND NAGASAKI (KING HAD STUDIED AT FORMER AND HAD VISITED LATTER).

2. WHILE TRIP ENDED WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AT REQUEST OF NEPALESE, NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ECONOMIC GRANT AID AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR ALMOST SIX-FOLD INCREASE IN JAPANESE AID TO NEPAL FOR FY 78. ACCORDING TO MOFA SOUTHWEST ASIA DIV DEPDIR, GOJ AGREED TO THREE PROJECTS FROM LIST OF TEN SUBMITTED BY NEPAL: \$2.38 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 12 MOBILE CLINICS AND A MEDICAL CENTER IN WESTERN NEPAL; \$5.2 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SUCH AS STEEL AND CONCRETE; AND \$2.6 MILLION FOR FOOD AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT. JAPANESE DEFERRED ADDITIONAL LOANS FOR KILIKHANI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, \$10 MILLION PLEDGED TO PROJECT IN 1970 HAVING NOT YET BEEN EXPENDED.

3. ON NEPALESE ZONE-OF-PEACE PROPOSAL, DELEGATION

REQUESTED THAT GOJ GO AS FAR AS IT COULD IN EXPRESSING
SUPPORT IN COMMUNIQUE. AS RESULT, JAPAN ADDED PHRASE
"RESPECT FOR" IN FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE JAPANESE SIDE
EXPRESSED ITS DEEP UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF AND
RESPECT FOR NEPAL'S PROPOSAL TO DECLARE HERSELF A ZONE OF
PEACE."

4. BOTH SIDES SEEMED PLEASED BY RESULTS. THE TRIP
ATTRACTED RELATIVELY HEAVY AND FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE,
WHICH TOOK NOTE OF KING'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN
AS WELL AS HOPES FOR CONTINUED CLOSE AND STRONG FRIENDSHIP.

5. WE WILL POUCH COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE TO ADDRESSEES.
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